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**First Class Mail**

Mr. Brad Bradley  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois  
Consent Decree  
Voluntary Progress Report 41 (September 2002)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during September 2002.

**1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:**

- On September 3, 2002, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- During September 2002, Severn Trent Laboratories completed the laboratory testing of samples collected at the site by ARCADIS in July 2002 as part of the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event. Upon receipt of the laboratory data, ARCADIS validated the data and initiated efforts to prepare a groundwater monitoring report. ARCADIS submitted the 2002 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report to EPA on September 30, 2002 to present the results of the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event at the site.

**2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Data from laboratory testing of groundwater samples collected at the site in July 2002 were included as part of the groundwater monitoring report submitted by ARCADIS to EPA on September 30, 2002.



3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- As noted above, ARCADIS submitted the 2002 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report to EPA on September 30, 2002 to present the results of the groundwater monitoring activities performed at the site in July 2002.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- The Group will perform operation and maintenance requirements at the site, as required.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

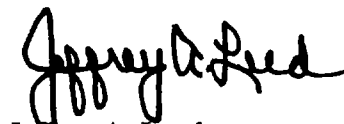
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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